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For : CALCIUM PHOSPHATE-SYNTHETIC RESIN COMPOSITE BODY
CONTAINING CALCIUM PHOSPHATE BLOCK AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCTION THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2-167868, published on June 28, 1990, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 11 of the specification of the instant application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 8-48583, published on February 20, 1996, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 11 of the specification of the instant application; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-265795, published on September 18, 2002, together with an English language abstract of the same.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

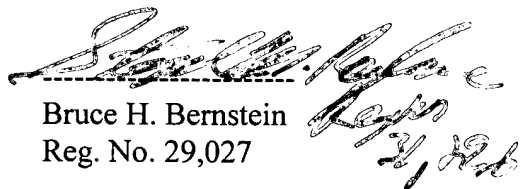
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/621,680 to HIRAIDE et al., entitled "Calcium Phosphate-Synthetic Resin-Metal Composite Body and Method for Production Thereof", filed on July 18, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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